

## ABSTRACT

The present invention relates to a data processing apparatus and method for using recording media effectively and providing enhanced user friendliness. An operating control input section receives an operating control input from the user. When a copy process is designated by the received operating control input, a copy execution section in a memory card reader reads data from a memory card and transmits the read data to a portable terminal. The portable terminal copies the received data onto a disc. A retention section in the memory card reader stores a status that indicates whether the copy process was successful or not. After termination of the copy process, a mode switching section selects a sleep mode as the power supply mode for the memory card reader. When the user performs a procedure for checking the result of the copy process, a check execution section presents the result of the copy process to the user in accordance with the status stored in the retention section. The present invention can be applied to a memory card reader.